GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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COST OF SECURITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have failed to recover the cost of security patrolling of track in North Frontier Railway provided at the request of the State Government, amounting to Rs.40.00 crores;

(b) if so, whether the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has commented upon the matter in his report for 2000- 01; and

(c) if so, the Government's reply thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c) : Yes Sir, Security being the State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide for security of Railway track. Since the Government of Assam was not able to provide security, the Ministry of Railways decided to have security patrolling at the request of State Government by Railway men. The cost of such security patrolling has to be borne by State Government. As such, bills for recovery of Security Patrolling of track have been preferred on Government of Assam for realisation. Anamount of Rs. 37.23 cr. is outstanding which is payable by the Government of Assam to Railway towards security patrolling charges. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India, vide their report No.9 of 2002 for Railways have commented upon nonrealisation of the cost of security patrolling of track provided at the request of State Governments. The Government of Assam has been requested by Ministry of Railways for early clearance of the outstanding dues.